

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1061

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Chris Potter of Bolton High School, upon being named *The Commercial Appeal's* 2007-2008 First Tennessee Academic All-Star in Mathematics.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chris Potter, an esteemed student at Bolton High School, has been duly recognized as *The Commercial Appeal's* 2007-2008 First Tennessee Academic All-Star in the subject area of Mathematics; and

WHEREAS, *The Commercial Appeal's* First Tennessee Academic All-Stars program spotlights standout students in the newspaper and honors them for their dedication to academics, school leadership, and community service; and

WHEREAS, as part of the all-star program, principals from fifty Memphis area schools nominate about 600 exceptional students for recognition; from those 600 students, ten are chosen for the all-star program, each of whom excel in a particular subject area; and

WHEREAS, Chris Potter has maintained a stellar 3.96 grade point average while participating in a variety of athletic, academic, and community outreach activities; and

WHEREAS, displaying a leadership acumen, Mr. Potter has contributed his considerable talents as president of the Beta Club, senior secretary of the Student Government Association, saxophone section leader of the band, space camp graduate, and member of Youth Leadership Bartlett; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding student had the highest score from Bolton High School at the Tennessee Math Teachers Association competition; and

WHEREAS, committed to academic excellence, Chris is currently taking two Advanced Placement courses and an honors course and is a highly respected member of the National Honor Society; just as tenacious in the sports arena, he was named defensive player of the year on a club soccer team; and

WHEREAS, he lends his time and talents to his community and was instrumental in the success of his school's Make-a-Wish committee which set and achieved a goal of raising enough money, at \$10,000, to grant two wishes; he also volunteers at various soup kitchens, the Memphis Food Bank, for Operation Christmas Child, and the Heifer project; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Potter is an active and devout member of his church, where he sings in two choirs; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depends, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Mr. Chris Potter who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Chris Potter is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Chris Potter, of Bolton High School, upon his selection as *The Commercial Appeal's* 2007-2008 First Tennessee Academic All-Star in the subject area of Mathematics, recognize his outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, academic prowess, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.